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**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVES FUNDING FOR  
AUGUSTUS F. HAWKINS MENTAL HEALTH CENTER  
REFURBISHMENT PROJECT**

**LOS ANGELES** – The Board of Supervisors today approved \$3,573,000 in funding for Phase II of the Augustus F. Hawkins Comprehensive Mental Health Center Psychiatric Inpatient Unit Refurbishment Project in the Second District.

The renovations will allow the departments of Mental Health and Health Services to consolidate psychiatric inpatient, outpatient and urgent care services, previously provided at both Augustus Hawkins and Inglewood.

On January 18, 2005, the Board approved Phase 1 of the project, which addressed inpatient care regulatory compliance and patient safety requirements. Phase II will include the renovations of restrooms to make them ADA compliant and seismic upgrades of wards in the facility.

The Board's approval allows the Department of Health Services to relocate existing psychiatric inpatient services from Inglewood to Hawkins, improving patient safety and enhancing operational efficiency through the consolidation of services to a single site.

During the refurbishing, existing psychiatric services at Hawkins will not be adversely impacted.

The project will include sustainable design features, such as electrical lighting system to optimize energy efficiency and the use of recycled and low-emitting materials. The use of existing interior wall and furnishings will also conserve materials and resources.

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